

News Release

CAAM Chinese Dance Theater to Bring the Enchanting Beauty and Culture of China to the U of M, Crookston on Saturday, January 28, 2012; Dinner at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom followed by Dance Performance at 7

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The beautiful and vibrant culture of China will be brought to the University of Minnesota, Crookston by the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) Chinese Dance Theater in late January. The dance theater will perform on January 28, 2012, in Kiehle Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m.



Preceding the dance performance, there will be a Lunar New Year Dinner served at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom; limited seating available. Tickets for the dinner and show combined are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children/students. Tickets for the performance only, available at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$1 for children/students.

Advanced tickets are available for the dinner and performance together through the International Programs Office by contacting Rae French at 218-281-8339 (daytime) or at 218-289-0444 (evening). Families are encouraged to attend all evening activities. Included in the evening are a dragon dance performed by U of M, Crookston students. Following the CAAM Chinese Dance Theater performance, the evening will conclude with a ribbon dance workshop beginning at 9 p.m.

Background



Chinese dance incorporates a variety of forms and styles of movement derived from 53 diverse ethnic groups' traditions. It involves not just unique Chinese dance sequences and movements but also the cultural and historical basis of the dances. The CAAM Chinese Dance Theater is dedicated to preserving and celebrating Chinese cultural heritage and enriching a diverse community through the universal language of dance.

Since 1992, CDT has served families and delighted audiences with some of the best locally-produced Chinese dance concerts in the country. We are a community-based organization under the artistic direction of a world-renowned choreographer and teacher. A division of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota, the oldest, largest Chinese American community organization in Minnesota, CDT performs before 17,000 live audience members every year. With a dance school, annual concerts, and outreach performances, CDT is the largest Chinese dance organization in the Midwest. To learn more, visit www.caamcdt.org.

The performance is made possible by the University of Minnesota's Confucius Institute; U of M, Crookston Concerts & Lectures; and in part, by a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council through funding from the Minnesota State Legislature.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 26 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 36 concentrations, including 10 online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,600 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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